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Hon. Joseph L. Tauro
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United States Courthouse
1 Courthouse Way
Boston, MA 02210

Re: Massachusetts Sober Housing Corporation v. City of Chelsea, et al.
U.S. District Court C.A. No. 04-10753-JLT

Dear Judge Tauro:

As you may recall, this litigation involves claims that the City of Chelsea violated various state and federal statutes by requiring the plaintiff to install automatic sprinklers at a residential facility run by the plaintiff. In addition to filing this action, the plaintiff appealed the City's determination in this regard to the Massachusetts Automatic Sprinkler Appeals Board, which affirmed the City's decision. The plaintiff subsequently appealed the Sprinkler Board's decision to the Massachusetts Superior Court, pursuant to the State's Administrative Procedures Act (G.L. c.30A).

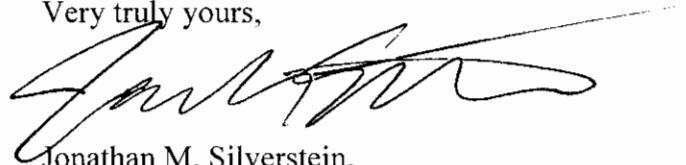
At the scheduling conference in this matter, held on December 7, 2004, Your Honor stayed this litigation, pending the resolution of the administrative appeal and directed the parties to report on the status of that appeal by the end of this month. Pursuant to this directive, the parties now report that cross-motions for judgment on the pleadings in the administrative appeal were argued before the Superior Court (Houston, J.) on April 25, 2005. On May 17, 2005, the Superior Court entered a final judgment affirming the decision of the Sprinkler Board. The plaintiff has now filed a Notice of Appeal from the Superior Court's May 17 Judgment.

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We would be pleased to provide the Court with any further information regarding the status of this matter.

Very truly yours,



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